

Year Three newsletter Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to St Andrew's and the start of Year Three for your child/children. We hope you have all had a great summer holiday and are well rested and ready for the busy year ahead.

Maths

In maths this term, our focus will be on number: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Pupils will be encouraged to increase their reasoning and problem solving skills by applying their knowledge and skills to a range of problems and talking about strategies they have used.

English

All our writing will be based on our Egyptian topic. We will be looking at story settings, writing poetry and studying traditional tales, including the Egyptian version of Cinderella, to extend our use of language and literary features. For non-fiction, we will be looking at recounts (including diaries), instructional writing and non-chronological reports. The English curriculum will also include a strong grammar and spelling focus.

Reading

Reading is important to increase vocabulary and cement comprehension. It is essential that children read regularly at home. Reading for pleasure increases fluency and it is fun. We encourage the children to read a wide range of books, including non-fiction such as newspapers, information books or biographies. All children will have Guided Reading as a regular part of their week and some children will have regular reading with an adult, but the main body of their reading practise should take place at home.

Spelling

The children will have regular spelling lessons in school and a weekly spelling test. Spellings will be sent home each week to be learnt for homework. Your support with this is much appreciated.

History

In History we will be studying Ancient Egypt. We have arranged a production based on this topic by the Hobgoblin theatre company, who will visit us early in the term and will also be holding an Egyptian day later on.

French

Children will be learning greetings and introductions, the names of colours, numbers, food and drink.

RE

In RE we will be learning about the festivals of Divali and the importance of Puja to Hindus. They will find out about the different Hindu Gods and Goddesses. We will be doing plenty of work on Christmas nearer the end of term.

PE

This term, we will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Wednesday. The children will take part in High 5 netball, basketball and gymnastics sessions. Please ensure that the children have the correct PE kit in school at all times to enable them to take part in every session. This includes appropriate footwear as well as warmer clothes (tracksuits) as the weather cools down. Girls will not be allowed to wear tights to do PE, so please ensure they have some socks in their PE bag. Earrings should be removed on PE days.

Science

Our main science topic is: Light – how we see and how shadows are formed. We will also be finding out about the influence of a well-known person in Science.

Design Technology & Art

In DT, we will be finding out about the different ways food is grown, healthy food choices and farming in Ancient Egypt. The children will be making their own versions of Egyptian flatbreads. They will be designing and making their own Egyptian masks, canopic jars and making 3D pyramids from card.

Computing

The children will be increasing their general ICT skills, including touch typing, word processing and research. They will also be learning about how to stay safe when using the internet.

Music

We will be listening to and performing glockenspiel music, Egyptian music, learning the flute and lots of singing.

PSHE

The PSHE themes this term are 'being me in my world' and 'celebrating differences.'

Homework

Homework will be set on Thursdays and MUST be completed by the following Wednesday. Children will also be given weekly spellings and times tables to learn, to be tested on a Wednesday. The children are expected to read daily and it is essential that reading diaries are in school every day. Please support them in completing the tasks set on time. Pupils will also have a grid with extra homework activities based on our Egyptians topic. Towards the end of every half term, we will have a sharing afternoon, where the children can bring in any of these activities they have done at home.

Parent helpers.

If any of you are able to offer help on a regular basis, or even if you have a particular skill that you could offer on the odd occasion e.g cooking, sewing, please let us know.

A few reminders:

Children will be set quiet activities to do from 8.50am, so please ensure your child is at school on time. They will also need a water bottle in school each day. Further information about expectations and life in year three will be available at our information meetings on Wednesday 19th September at 3.20pm and 4pm

We look forward to working with your children this term.

Mrs Bourne & Mrs Maginn (Base 3)

Mrs Black and Mrs Smith (Base 4)

